

**Withington Parish Council Meeting  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Room**

**Minutes**

**78/2019 Present:**

Councillors Phil Heath (Chair) Neil Maxwell, Lesley Stone, Martin Timmis Alan Williams, Cllr Lezley Picton, Denise Roscoe (Clerk), and 12 members of the public

**79/2019 Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone

**80/2019 Apologies** Wayne Thomas, Helen Thomas and Brenda Marshall

**81/2019 Declaration of Interest**

Cllr Stone declared an interest regarding the flooding in Sunnyfields

**82/2019 Approval of the Minutes of 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020:** The minutes were signed by the Chairman

**83/2019 Public Forum**

Dr Taylor suggested setting up a community mutual support group to help people cope if/when the Coronavirus disease reaches Withington. It was agreed that Withington's Emergency Plan should be brought up to date and provision made for dealing with the Coronavirus. **Action: Cllr Timmis** to conduct review.

**84/2019 Action Updates from Previous Meetings**

- Removal of field hedges in Barkers Square.  
Case assigned to officer who will update the Parish Council
- Damage to road verges on the Walcot Lees to Rodington Heath road
- Road Signs etc
- Traffic speed warning equipment costs  
Alberbury's 2015 speeding equipment came from working with the Safer Roads Partnership. Concerns about speeding in the community applications need to be made via the Safer Roads Partnership where it is decided whether the request falls into either the Community Concern Programme (carried out by the Safer Roads Enforcement team) or the Community Speed Watch Scheme (carried out by local community volunteers). **Action Clerk:** to investigate Community Speed Watch Scheme
- Flooding of land near 2/3 Sunnyfields  
Letter sent to landowner 17<sup>th</sup> January no response. **Action Clerk:** to contact Shropshire Council

**85/2019 Roads & Rights of Way**

Community Led Concern:

HGV's

Agricultural Contractors Vehicles

Cllr Picton reported that Shropshire Council's Highways department is being reviewed to make them work more efficiently and productive

Jason Jordan is arranging for road signs to be erected to hopefully deal with the HGV problems

Parish Councillors are invited to visit the Veolia site. Contact Councillor Picton for dates.

Action Clerk: to email Cllr Picton details of road problems outside Hucksters Cottage

**86/2019 Finance Report**

Minutes confirmed as correct 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2020 \_\_\_\_\_

Chairman

# Accounts to date for the Parish Council and the Village Green

## WITHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL FINANCIAL STATEMENT As at 15 January 2020

Parish Council (Incl Defibrillator Funds)	
Brought Forward from 15/01/20	£3,459.18
Receipts since 15/01/20	£0.00
Payments Approved - 15/01/20 Room Hire (15/01)	£12.00
Payments made since 15/01/20 for approval N Maxwell Defib Pads CPRE Membership	£75.54 £39.54 £36.00
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 04/03/2020</b>	<b>£3,371.64</b>
Payments for approval - 04/03/2020 Room Hire (04/03)	£12.00
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: Clerk's Salary (Mar 20) 74 Smartwater Kits	£495.04 £496.62

Village Green	
Brought Forward from 15/01/20	£7,328.85
Receipts since 15/01/20 Friends of the Green (2019/20)	£133.00 £133.00
Payments Approved - 15/01/20 None	£0.00
Payments made since 15/01/20 for approval J.O. Nicklin & Sons (Fuel)	£69.60 £69.60
<b>Balance Carried Forward to 04/03/2020</b>	<b>£7,392.25</b>
Payments for approval - 04/03/2020 None	
Authorisation to pay the following if within budget amount: Lawn Mower Maintenance Hedge Cutting	

### Payments Approved at the Meeting for Both Accounts

#### All payments made since 15/01/20

£39.54	N Maxwell Defib Pads
£36.00	CPRE Membership
£69.60	J.O. Nicklin & Sons (fuel)

#### Payments to be made

£12.00	Room Hire (04/03/20)
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#### Authorisation to pay the following if within budget

£495.04	74 Smartwater Kits
£495.04	Clerks Salary (Mar 20)

It was agreed to employ K Maloney as the Internal Auditor for 2019/20

Pension Regulator confirmation is now due. **Action Chairman** to send letter to Clerk

### 87/2019 Smartwater Update

Application for grant has gone through and order placed. 2/4 Volunteers needed to help with registering kits. Once kit received need to organise dates for registering.

### 88/2019 VE/VJ Day Lamp Post Poppies

Cost is a donation of £3 per poppy. Order must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> May. It was agreed to order 10 poppies.

### 89/2019 Assets of Community Value: Hare & Hounds

As of 28<sup>th</sup> Jan, the curtilage of the Hare & Hounds as an Asset of Community Value has changed and no longer includes the land behind the fence at the back of the carpark.

### 90/2019 Planning

The Rea Broiler Sheds, Upton Magna Ref 16/04965/EIA: No Update

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Allscott Sugar Beet Factory: Update Phase 1 has started for 200 houses. There are stakeholder group meetings taking place on the last Thursday of the month for the next 6 months. **Action: Clerk** to ask if Withington Councillor can attend meetings.

Barns South of The Lees Farm, Walcot. The planning application for conversion of barns to 7 residencies was renewed. There was a query regarding the number of vehicles using this site **Action Clerk**: to write to owners

The Blandings, Withington proposed extensions and double garage. **Action Chairman**: to collect responses from residents affected.

**91/2019 Village Green Committee Report**

No update to give other than the date of next Committee meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 at 8.00pm in the Hare & Hounds

**92/2019 Correspondence Received**

West Mercia PCC Road Safety Strategy Consultation

Draft Road Safety Strategy for consultation which closes on 20/03/20. **Action: Clerk** to email to parishioners and complete consultation on behalf of PC

Complaint received regarding new flood points between Withington and Upton Magna caused by the new hedge work. **Action: Clerk** to forward to Upton Magna Clerk for the attention of Upton Magna PC

**93/2019 Reports on Meetings:** None to report

**94/2019 Forthcoming Meetings:** None to report

**95/2019 Date of Next Parish Council Meeting –**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Annual Village Meeting**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020 – Parish Council AGM**

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